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SIR:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 -- However, when a pipette tip is mounted to the nozzle, it is important that the tip be mounted with sufficient force to seal the nozzle so that fluid being aspirated and dispensed does not leak around the tip-nozzle junction, thereby preventing accurate quantities of fluid from being aspirated and dispensed, and the tip must be mounted with sufficient force to prevent the tip from falling off. However, if the tip is mounted with too much force, it can become difficult to remove the tip from the nozzle after use, resulting in significant strain on the operator's hand. For this and other reasons, an operator working in a laboratory or other facility where large numbers of tips are replaced each day may experience repetitive stress injuries with current pipette designs as a result of repeated tip removals. --